

**REMARKS**

Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating therein the subject matter of allowable claim 11.

New claim 19 is presented which constitutes a combination of previous claim 1 and allowable claim 12.

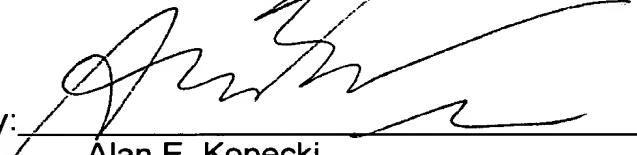
Claims 11 and 12 have been canceled.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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